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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENTCommissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:✓  
Cancel claim 19 without prejudice.

Rewrite claims 4, 7, 9-12, 14, 16 and 20 as follows:

A 4. (Amended) A process according to claim 1, wherein the inorganic sol is obtainable by hydrolysis of first and second hydrolysable inorganic monomer precursors, the first hydrolysable inorganic monomer precursors being different to the second hydrolysable organic monomer precursors and having at least two hydrolysable groups, and the second hydrolysable inorganic monomer precursors having at least one non-hydrolysable group.

A 7. (Amended) A process according to claim 4, wherein the first hydrolysable monomer precursors comprise a tetraalkoxysilane and the second hydrolysable monomer precursors comprise an alkoxysilane having at least one ethylenically-unsaturated group and/or an epoxy group.